

place in case of certain rakes supplied from Jeenagora colliery to Panki TPS but the payment has been made on the basis of sampling of coal being carried out jointly in presence of the representatives of power house and BCCL.

CIL's request for purchase of power from NTPC

1091. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd., has requested Government to allow it to purchase power directly from National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the Electricity Act for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To ensure reliable source of supply at reasonable tariffs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Curtailing employees of Coal India Limited

†1092. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to curtail the number of employees of Coal India Limited on the basis of the Report of the Expenditure Commission;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the total number of employees in Coal India Limited at present

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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and out of these the number of officers and employees engaged in production, inspection, administration, sales, security and maintenance works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) in para 30 of its report, has made the following observations on manpower rationalization in Coal India Limited:

“It is estimated that nearly one fifth of the total manpower of 5,62,071 is surplus compared to the requirement in CIL collieries. A recent study has revealed that in ECL, which has the highest level of losses in this group, as many as 64,000 out of a total work force of 1,33,383 are deployed in 64 loss making collieries. The incidence of wage cost in these 64 mines is 112% of the sale price of coal. CIL's current year's budget visualized coverage of 11,000 surplus personnel under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) at a total cost of Rs. 242 crores. If all the seven subsidiaries are to become competitive and hold their place in the emerging scenario, then highest priority needs to be given to a manpower rationalization scheme that will cover more than one lakh surplus work force, mostly in ECL, BCCL, and CCL, under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme within the next two year period. The funds required for the VRS could be met out of the surpluses of the profit making subsidiaries or through productivity gains from manpower rationalization and other efficiency improvement measures.”

Towards rationalization of surplus manpower in ECL, CCL & BCCL, grants-in-aid for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) are being provided by Government of India. Up to January 2001, Rs.505.00 crore have been released under VRS and 24,877 persons have availed of VRS in ECL, CCL & BCCL. For the year 2001-02, a target of 11,500 persons has been set for retirement under VRS in these three companies. A provision of Rs. 156.99 crores has been made; this provision will be augmented later in the year.

(c) The information in respect of each subsidiary of CIL is given in the Statement.

Statement
Total Number of Employees in subsidiaries in Coal India Limited

| Company | Production | | Supervision | | Administration | | Sales | | Security | | Maintenance | | Others | | Total | | Grand Total |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | Officers | Staff | |
| ECL | 738 | 58453 | 229 | 7430 | 300 | 10271 | 64 | 9022 | 148 | 8775 | 558 | 20096 | 857 | 10511 | 2894 | 124558 | 127452 |
| BCCL | 1214 | 49339 | 851 | 8056 | 218 | 2264 | 62 | 4128 | 8 | 2284 | 407 | 38804 | 204 | 5213 | 2964 | 110088 | 113052 |
| CCL | 964 | 54302 | 300 | 3287 | 193 | 3585 | 86 | 52 | 30 | 3961 | 72 | 6350 | 1403 | 3297 | 3048 | 74834 | 77882 |
| WCL | 918 | 34464 | 96 | 1364 | 174 | 5396 | 59 | 537 | 11 | 1859 | 613 | 19413 | 710 | 12262 | 2581 | 75295 | 77876 |
| SECL | 2024 | 79204 | 115 | 7098 | 463 | 1587 | 55 | 177 | 14 | 1584 | 380 | 2370 | 200 | 310 | 3251 | 92330 | 95581 |
| NCL | 410 | 5746 | 89 | 1744 | 56 | 1316 | 21 | 69 | 11 | 617 | 454 | 3887 | 366 | 2380 | 1407 | 15759 | 17166 |
| MCL | 800 | 16600 | 47 | 1270 | 220 | 2000 | 30 | 150 | 8 | 405 | 253 | 775 | 10 | 19 | 1368 | 21219 | 22587 |
| NEC | 45 | 2110 | 8 | 190 | 40 | 490 | | 50 | | 35 | 12 | 950 | 9 | 160 | 114 | 3985 | 4099 |
| TOTAL: | 7113 | 300218 | 1735 | 30439 | 1664 | 26909 | 377 | 14185 | 230 | 19520 | 2749 | 92645 | 3759 | 34152 | 17627 | 518068 | 535695 |